

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PESTICIDE EPISODE NOTIFICATION RECORD
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RECEIVED BY Dan Weerasekera, DPR-SRO	FROM Tim Holbrook, Supervisor	REPRESENTING San Diego County Ag. Commissioner	DATE RECEIVED 6/28/2013	TIME 09:30 hours
PRIORITY INVESTIGATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES # 36-SD-13 <input type="checkbox"/> NO		COUNTY OF OCCURRENCE San Diego	DATE OF OCCURRENCE 6/27/2013	TIME 15:30 hours
TYPE OF EPISODE (Check one or more) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HUMAN EFFECTS # 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC LOSS \$ 550,000 <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL INCIDENTS		EPISODE LOCATION [REDACTED]		
		NEAREST CROSS STREETS [REDACTED]	SECTION	TOWNSHIP RANGE B AND M B

BASIS - PLEASE CHECK ALL APPLICABLE BOXES IF IT APPEARS THAT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC LOSS - \$50,000 OR MORE | <input type="checkbox"/> LAND - CLEAN UP \$50,000 OR MORE | <input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTICATED ANIMALS - 5 OR MORE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IN-PATIENT STATUS - LESS THAN 24 HOURS | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC LOSS - 20% OF CROP YIELD | <input type="checkbox"/> ANIMALS NON-TARGET FISH - 500 OR MORE | <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL INCIDENTS - TRIBES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IN-PATIENT STATUS - MORE THAN 24 HOURS | <input type="checkbox"/> DRINKING WATER - 10 OR MORE HOMES | <input type="checkbox"/> ANIMALS NON-TARGET BIRDS - 50 OR MORE | <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL INCIDENTS - STATES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 OR MORE PEOPLE - SYMPTOMS | <input type="checkbox"/> AIR - 5 OR MORE PEOPLE EVACUATED | <input type="checkbox"/> LISTED ENDANGERED SPECIES - 1 OR MORE | <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL INCIDENTS - EQUIPMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC LOSS - \$20,000 - \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> LAND - 1/2 ACRE OR MORE FOR 1 YEAR | <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH PRIORITY - ENDANGERED SPECIES | <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL INCIDENTS - OTHER |

NAME OF PESTICIDE/MANUFACTURER	REGISTRATION # FROM LABEL	CAT.	DOSE/DILUTION/VOLUME	COMMODITY/SITE TREATED	DATE
Vikane / DowAgroSciences	62719-4	1	60 lbs	structure / drywood termites	6/26/2013

NAME OF PERSON(S)	SEX	ADDRESS (Number and Street, City, State, ZIP Code)	OCCUPATION	AGE
1. unknown at this time	M	unknown	firefighter	unk
2. unknown at this time	M	unknown	firefighter	unk
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4.				
5.				

DESCRIPTION OF EPISODE/DAMAGE (Continue on separate page, if necessary):

Estimated fire damage on June 27, 2013 to the structure (~\$500,000) and contents (~\$50,000) of a tented, vacant, two-story private residence that had been under active fumigation (sulfuryl fluoride for drywood termites) for 30 hours.

[REDACTED] field representative returned to the home to initiate aeration under the California Aeration Plan, plugged in the extension cord to activate the prepositioned, ducted aeration fans, and the fans did not start.

The field representative detected smoke and immediately called 9-1-1.

Multiple fire and HazMat crews responded to the scene, removed the tarps, and knocked down the flames in about an hour.

Two firefighters were reportedly taken to the hospital - one for a sprain; another who complained of dizziness. Another firefighter fell through a floor, but was reportedly not injured.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

PERSON/FIRM ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EPISODE/DAMAGE:

Pest Control Company Contact: [REDACTED]

IF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OR PROPERTY LOSS: OWNER

unknown

ADDRESS (Number and Street, City, State, ZIP Code)

INVESTIGATING AGENCY/INVESTIGATOR:

San Diego City Fire / Haz Mat; San Diego County Agricultural Commissioner's (CAC) staff

Personal privacy information

SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS:

Unknown at this time

AGENCY NOTIFICATION	DATE RECORD SENT
U.S. EPA: Ms. Fabiola Estrada	6/28/2013
CAC: Ms. Ha Dang	6/28/2013
DIR: Ms. Amalia Neidhardt	6/28/2013
DPH: Dr. Rachel Roisman	6/28/2013
OEHA: Dr. William Ngai, Joy Wisniewski	6/28/2013
Cal/EPA:	
OTHER: Ms. Susan Saylor, SPCB	6/28/2013

DPR ROUTING:

Andrews, Benson, Everett, Fadipe, Farnsworth, Francone, Frenkel, Guerra, Jetter, Lee, Lopez, Marade, Martin, Motakef, Oriel, Richmond, Ross, Sarracino, Shattuck, C. Smith, Verder-Carlos, Watson, Yanga, Zeiss

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PRIORITY INVESTIGATION NO.	NOTIFICATION DATE	PRIORITY EPISODE 15-DAY REPORT DUE DATE
36-SD-13	6-27-2013	7-18-2013

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION (COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S INITIAL FINDINGS):

On June 27, San Diego County Agricultural Commissioner's office (SD CAC) recieved an assistance request from the San Diego County Fire Hazmat regarding a house fire that was under active fumigation for approximately 30 hours. The vacant two story house was fumigated with sulfuryl fluoride for drywood termite infestation. The San Diego CAC staff responded to the site with an Explorer unit that would detect sulfuryl fluoride concentrations from inside the vacant house. The San Diego County HAZMAT fire figthers determined the sulfuryl fluoride levels inside the vacant house ranged from 0.00 ppm to 1.0 ppm using the Explorer unit. The fire department estimated fire damage to the structure (~\$500,000) and contents (~\$50,000), the house was sold a few days prior to the fire for \$2 million.

The Branch 1 applicator that conducted the fumigation () noticed the fire when the field representative returned to the home to initiate aeration under the California Aeration Plan, plugged in the extension cord to activate the prepositioned, ducted aeration fans, and the fans did not start. The field representative detected smoke and immediately called 9-1-1. Multiple fire and HazMat crews (approximately 100 firefighters) responded to the scene, removed the tarps, and knocked down the flames in about an hour.

The San Diego CAC staff interviewed the San Diego City Fire Department's Battalion Chief, Mr. Greg Donnelly regarding the incident. According to Mr. Donnelly, one firefighter was taken to the hospital for dizziness during the incident. The firefighter was treated at the hospital for dehydration and given fluids and released for regular duty. The second firefighter had fallen through the roof, but was not injured. The San Diego City Fire Department had determined the cause of the fire to be accidental.

SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS (Include brief description)	PRIORITY INVESTIGATION PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE
None	<input type="checkbox"/> WITHIN 45 DAYS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WITHIN 60 DAYS <input type="checkbox"/> WITHIN 75 DAYS IF NOT COMPLETED WITHIN 75 DAYS, THE CAC MUST NOTIFY THE EBL ON FORM PR-ENF-097 AND EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR THE DELAY.

CONTEMPLATED ENFORCEMENT ACTION

☐ COMPLIANCE ACTION ☐ ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL PENALTY # ☐ OTHER ☐ EPA ACTION REQUESTED

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	OTHER: Ms. Susan Saylor, SPCB	7/19/2013
REPORT PREPARED BY (Please print):	TELEPHONE NUMBER (Including Area Code)	DATE
Dan Weerasekera	714-279-7679	7/19/2013